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BIRTHS.

At Wanchow, on the 7th instant, the wife of
Dr. LOWRY, prematurally, of a son (still-born).
At Tientsin on the 6th November, the wife of
HENRY ST. CLAIR KNOX, of a daughter.At Fast Gate, Shanghai, on the 12th inst, the
wife of Mr. F. JARNO, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

At Union Church, Hongkong, on the 20th
instant, by the Rev. G. J. Williams, JOHN
INGRAM ANDREW, Engineer, Talho Sugar
Refinery, in SOPHIA RAWK, youngest daughter
of the late Captain Jacob Berg.At Union Church, Hongkong, on the 10th
instant, by the Rev. J. T. Williams, WILLIAM
BALLANTINE, Chief Engineer S.S. Para Chon
Kiao, to INA, third daughter of the late William
McMillan, merchant, Glasgow, Scotland.At All Saints' Church, Tientsin, on the 5th
November, by the Rev. F. L. Norris, JAMES
FRANCIS MOORE, Imperial Chinese Railways,
to JANE, eldest daughter of Robert Davidson,
shipmaster, Dundee, Scotland.At the British Consulate-General, Shanghai,
on the 12th of November, 1894, by Mr. N. J.
Hannen, H.B.M.'s Consul-General, and after-
wards at Holy Trinity Cathedral, by the Rev. H. C.
Hodges, M.A., EDWARD CHARLES, second
son of John Swayne-Pearce, of London, to
MARION (DOLLY), youngest daughter of the late
Frederick Everett, of London.On the 15th of November, at the British
Consulate-General, Shanghai, by Mr. N. J.
Hannen, H.B.M.'s Consul-General, and after-
wards at Holy Trinity Cathedral, by the Rev. H. C.
Hodges, M.A., GEORGE, eldest son of the late
Mr. George Sutherland, of Kilmacmillan, Renfrew-
shire, Scotland, to NINA, third daughter of Mr.
J. Henningsen, of Shanghai.

DEATHS.

At the Family Hotel, Shanghai, on the 10th
November, GEORGE FRERICK, the infant son
of Rebecca Annie and John Luther Elam.At Shanghai, on the 11th November, 1894,
LOURENCO ANTONIO XAVIER, Purser receiving
ship *Ariel*, aged 61 years.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE CZAR OF
RUSSIA.

LONDON, November 19th.

The remains of the late Czar of Russia have
been interred in the Church fortress. The
ceremony was an imposing one, the streets
through which the funeral procession passed
being crowded to excess and lined with troops.
The mourners included the Danish, Greek, and
Serbian Sovereigns, the Prince of Wales, the
Duke of York and other distinguished
personages.

THE WAR IN THE DUTCH INDIES.

The Dutch troops have attacked the Balinese
stronghold at Yakanegara and captured two
of the strong positions after a stubborn resistance.

THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

(Special to Shanghai Mercury).

TIENTSIN, November 15th.
The Foreign Ministers at Peking, including
Mr. Carl Berg, *Chargé d'Affaires* for Denmark,
were received in audience within the precincts
of the Palace.

SALUTING THE "CHUNGKING."

Yesterday the Chinese saluted the steamer
Chungking with twenty-one guns in the pre-
sence of the British Consul, in satisfaction of
the insult committed on the flag. I can learn
of no other British demand besides this.

GENERAL WEI BEHEADED.

November 16th.

General Wei has been beheaded on account
of the Ping-yang affair, he being considered
solely to blame for the defeat of the Chinese
troops in that engagement.

THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

(Special to N. C. Daily News).

TIENTSIN, November 16th.
The Chinese Squadron observed several
Japanese warships outside Port Arthur on
Tuesday last, but they steamed away on the
approach of the Chinese.Captain McClure has been appointed Assistant
Admiral of the Peking Squadron.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

SPECIALLY attractive performance at Harcourt's
Circus, at West Point, at 9 p.m.The British war vessels *Pigeon* and *Leander*
left Shanghai for the North on the 19th inst.The P. M. S. S. Co's steamer *City of Peking*,
with mails, &c., left Nagasaki for this port at
7 a.m. to-day.The well-known China Merchants' steamer
Hastings was transferred to the German flag
in Shanghai on the 15th inst. She is now known
as the *Fukui*.H.M.S. *Cresset* was at Chefoo on the 12th inst.
The weather at the 'Scarborough of the Far
East' on that date was not too cold, but just
cold enough to be pleasant.The *Shanghai Mercury* is officially informed
that an insurrection is hourly expected in Peking.
The *Hongkong Telegraph* begs leave to doubt
the accuracy of this official information.On till Monday the 12th inst. the Japanese fleet
had not been at Port Arthur; but troops were
stated to be about nineteen miles from that
place, engaged in strengthening the fortifications
of the places they had captured.The China Merchants' steamer *Hastings*, which
has been acting as a transport to the North, and
has lately been transferred to the German flag
under the name *Ching*, arrived in Shanghai
from Tientsin on the 15th inst. She had 600
Chinese passengers on board.Do not revile the bow-legged man, says the
Chicago World, for he plays an important part
in this world of ours. It is estimated that 40
per cent. of mankind are bow-legged, and
scientifically, this class is entitled to great
respect. Bow-legged men are usually of a
robust physique; we find them one of the pre-
dominant features of athletes. Comedians are
almost always bow-legged. Of the bow-legged
geniuses to which humanity points with pride
under the name *Clowns*, are Cane, Hennes,
Napoleon, Wellington, Schopenhauer, Washing-
ton, Irving and Carver.It is said that freemasons are not with less
frequency among lawyers than in the ranks of
any other profession.The sense of taste is most acute in the base,
tip and edges of the tongue, and is almost
wholly lacking on its interior surface.The many friends in this colony of Capt. Sawyer,
of the ship *Wildwood*, will learn with regret
that news of his death was received by last mail
from Vancouver.We understand that a draft of the Rifle Brigade
left Singapore yesterday by the troopship *Yama*
for this port, and the whole battalion is expected
here before the New Year.For carrying thirty-six passengers in excess of
the number for which he held a license, Ho Lai,
master of the steam launch *Woo Shun*, was fined
\$75 at the Police Court this morning.It is reported from Chingling that pro-
clamations have lately been put up there, urging
the people to rise and drive out the Manchus,
but to harm no Chinese, and to leave foreigners
alone.The organ has just begun to play in church—
Mamma—"Have you found the place, darling?
Ethel—"Not yet, mamma." (To organist at
the top of her voice): "Please stop a minny, we
isn't ready yet!"To the question whether the use of the bicycle
in mountain districts is good for women, the Paris
Journal de Medecine has just received answers
from forty-three doctors, of whom thirty-three
say yes, and ten say no.At a recent banquet in Denver, given in honor
of the women candidates for the Legislature, a
local wag offered this toast: "To the women
of Colorado—God bless 'em. Formerly our
superiors; now our equals."Among the Pope's treasures is an egg which he
received from an English lady one Easter. The
shell is made of ivory, its lining is of white satin,
and the yolk is a golden case containing a large
ruby set in diamonds; the whole is worth up-
ward of \$10,000.SLEEPINESS in people who work hard, and
especially in brain-workers, is often due to their
working up to the last minute before bed-time.
They may cure themselves by allowing at least
an hour's interval of ease and repose between
sleep and ceasing to work.The very latest canon law North about the war
is that when—yes, when—the Japanese advance
to the walls of Peking, Messrs. Dettling, von
Hanneken, and von Seckendorff will hold the
German flag on the walls of the Imperial Palace
to inform the Wo-jen warriors that the capital of
China has been transferred to Germany—and
that a hands-off policy will be advisable.Says the *N. C. Daily News*: The story that
the Hanks native policemen handed over to
the authorities, charged with murder on the
Concession, had been tortured has no founda-
tion in fact. They were not tortured and are still
in prison, but they are allowed to communicate
with the British Consul, and it would be known
at once if any illegal penalties were imposed on
them.The Band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry
will play the following programme at the Officers'
Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, com-
mencing at 8 o'clock:—Overture—"L'italiana in Algeria." Rossini.
Divertissement for Clarinet—"Alma." La Flute.
Reminiscences of—*La Flute*.
Valse—"L'italiana in Algeria." Rossini.
Squads—"L'italiana in Algeria." Rossini.
Prelude Solo—"L'italiana in Algeria." Rossini.In his weekly share report, dated Shanghai,
November 15th, Mr. B. Rattineau pathetically
remarks:—Business in the Share Market during
the past week has been much slackened off,
and the whole aspect of the market has become
quieter. Possibly the pace a short while ago
was a little too fast to last. What is now
required is the re-appearance of the speculative
public, but alas! they are not at it.The report published in the Shanghai papers
that the Foreign Minister at Peking are making
preparations to bring it, in consequence
of the expected approach of the warlike legions
of Japan, must be a mere canard. Under any
circumstances the representatives of Foreign
Powers have a duty to perform which would
keep them at their posts even if the visionary
danger so much talked about were an actual
reality.The following heartrending paragraph appears
in the *N. C. Daily News* of the 14th inst.:—
The highly-trained Clara, the pet of the American
Circus, has brought sorrow to her late exhibitor
by her untimely death. On Monday he was
served with a notice to appear on Thursday
next in H.B.M.'s Supreme Court, at the suit of
one Chang Ker, "who claims \$20 value of a
donkey lent by him to you at your request on the
15th July last, and which has owing to your
negligent treatment, since died." It will be a
comedy of errors!A MOTHER'S HAND.
Her hand is soft, and white, and fine,
It flutters when sometimes in mine
It lies.Its veins, so delicately blue,
Forever fill me with some new
Surprise.It is so dainty and so fair!
On it she bows her head in prayer,
Perchance!But when she speaks her wayward boys,
With what a loud, resounding noise
It slaps!A PRIVATE letter from Peking dated Monday,
November 12th, which must be taken with a
great deal of reserve, says that a consultation
had been held at the Tsungli Yamen, when the
Ministers of the United States, Great Britain,
France, and Germany were asked to try and
arrange peace at any cost; further, that the
Emperor was preparing to flee from Peking to
some place in the west, but intended before doing
so to grant audience in the palace to the Foreign
Ministers. A high official gave it as his opinion
that the situation was very critical, and anticipated
the fall of the dynasty. All the gates of
Peking are guarded by soldiers day and night,
and it was rumored that they were to be closed
on the 16th instant.A CALIFORNIAN Chinese, that is to say a native
of the Celestial Empire who has become a
"Merikant," is endeavoring to start a private
company here for the purpose of carrying on
the business of carriers. The intention of the
promoter is, we believe, to purchase a number
of China ponies, have light drays built here and
open an office in Chinatown at which orders
will be received for the carriage of goods from
the various *Prayas* to the *godowns* of Chinese
consular agents and others who may favor the new
company with their patronage. The plan is to
run on a principle of honesty and integrity, and
not to be a mere speculation, as is the case with
the promoters of the "Chinese" who will stop by
that they have not been working in the last
few days!It may interest local philatelists to know that a
new issue of Customs postage stamps will shortly
come into circulation.The Russian Admiral left Chefoo for Nagasaki
on the 15th inst. The French and American
Admirals were still at that port, according to
latest advices from the North."ENGLISH as she is wrote" by a Portuguese
clerk in Shanghai to his employer:—Dear Sir—
For excuse me this AM do from office. My
four had very pain. For one fault my own
A V H because. This time certain excuse me
must. Monday in office real come.

Yours &c

The annual meeting of the Shanghai Paper
Hunt Club was held on the evening of the
14th inst. at the Shanghai Club, Mr. F. J. Mail-
land presiding. The proceedings passed off
satisfactorily, and Messrs. F. J. Mailland,
Dudgeon, Perrot, Foster, Callaway, Ayscough,
and Crawford were elected Stewards for the
ensuing season.We are courteously informed by the agents of
the China and Manila Steamship Company that
the delay of the *Zafiro* at Amoy is attributable
to her having "touched bottom" between
Hongkong and Amoy, that they do not
yet know where the grounding took place, and
that she will return to Hongkong for repairs at
an early date, probably to-morrow. It is un-
derstood that the *Zafiro* is not seriously damaged.LATEST reports received in Shanghai from Fusan
state that the Tongkangs are 5,000 strong at
Ching, about 250 west of a treaty port, and
appear to be giving the Japanese soldiers some
trouble. On the 22nd ult., and were
surrounded by the Tongkangs and unable to
escape. On the 24th inst. 150 more soldiers were
sent against the rebels, but with what result is
not yet known.The following are the officers of the Ancient
Landmark Lodge of Shanghai for the ensuing
year:—Bro. Jas. Eveleigh W.M.
" G. Howard S.W.
" Warwick Winston Treasurer.
" J. W. Bennett Secretary.
" G. L. Skinner Secretary.
" A. R. Bowman S.D.
" G. Worthington J.D.
" J. Stevens Chaplain.The first act of Parliament inflicting a tax on
the birth of humanity was the *6th and 7th William
and Mary, Ch. 6 (1689)*, and was entitled:—
"An act for granting to his Majesty certain rates
and duties upon marriages, births and burials,
and upon bachelors and widowers, for the term
of five years, for carrying on the war against
France with vigour." Upon the birth of every
child, except children of those who receive alms,
of the eldest son of a duke, £30; of a
marriage, etc., in proportion. The twenty-
fourth section enacts that all persons in holy
orders shall keep a register of persons married,
buried, christened, or born in their parish, and
a penalty of £100 in default. The taxes on
births, marriages and burials were continued
indefinitely by 7 and 8 William and Mary,
Ch. 35, and imposed a penalty of 40 shillings
upon the parents who neglected to give notice
to the vicar, etc., of the parish of the date of
birth of any child.The *Chefoo Express* of the 12th says:—We
have had several vessels arriving from Port
Arthur lately. The *Kwangchi* arrived on
Tuesday morning with 76 wounded men from
the Naval Hospital, Dr. W. Kirk was with them
and besides that gentleman, Capt. Squire and
Mr. Albrecht arrived, leaving again on the same
day for Weihaiwei. Captain and Mrs. Calder
also left Port Arthur at that time, but proceeded
to Tientsin in one of the Chinese transport.
The Customs schooner *Dolphin* arrived on
Thursday morning, but did not bring any
passengers across. On Saturday morning the
Chinese launch *Lee Shun* turned up here
from Port Arthur. That launch has been lying
there for some time and it appears that the
Captain and officers had deserted her, only
leaving on board a good mate and a cook.
Chinese soldiers availed themselves of this craft,
and promoting the second mate to the rank of
captain and the cook (knowing something about
dollars) to chief engineer, put to sea and reached
here. How things like this can happen we are
at a loss to understand, but the fact is there.THERE is something about good beer that suits
the Anglo-Saxon appetite and physique, and will
prevent it from being easily superseded by any
other beverage. The Germans are the greatest
beer drinkers, and after them the people of the
British Islands, while Americans come third.
The quantity of beer the world consumes, accord-
ing to statistics compiled in Vienna of the
quantity drunk in 1893, not including Asia
and Africa, is 4,500,000,000 gallons, requiring
for its manufacture 7,200,000 tons of malt
and 82,000 tons of hops. In the con-
sumption of this great aggregate of grain and
heads with 1,203,134,073 gallons, an increase
of 34,000,000 over 1893, the consumption
being 33 gallons per head, ranging in different
provinces from 62 gallons in Bavaria to 12
gallons in Lothringen. Great Britain is second,
with 1,105,757,000 gallons, or 30 gallons per
head. It is again to be noted that Canada
must be included with the United States, under
the heading of America, which, including the
whole of the western hemisphere, is third in the
list of beer-drinkers, with more than a billion
gallons, or 16 gallons per head.We learned by wire yesterday from the North,
says our Shanghai contemporary of the 15th
inst., that the *Chungking* was duly saluted
yesterday by the Taku forts, in the presence
of the British Consul, Mr. Bristow. Further,
that the relations of the Viceroy Li with the Govern-
ment at Peking are close and apparently cordial.
Kung Tsotai has been sent back to Port Arthur.
Reports of last week's engagements show that the
Japanese have not had an actual walk-over so
far. On Wednesday last General Shun with two
thousand men fought the Japanese through the
whole day, making a vigorous defence of Kin-
chow on the east side, and stopping the Japanese
advance; but he was unsupported by the other
commanders, and when the fight was renewed
on Thursday he was overpowered and the
enemy occupied Kinchow. On the same
day the Japanese advanced on the rear of
the forts at Tientsin and captured them.
The garrisons of two of the forts separately made
a determined resistance, but they were overcome
by the numbers, the better discipline,
and the better arms of the Japanese. On
Friday the Japanese advanced to the attack
of the Namankuan Pass, a very strong position on
the south of head between Society Bay and Tientsin.
There was no concerted defence; each fort was
separately routed, and the road to Port
Arthur opened. Some thousands of refugees
from Kinchow flying toward the villages in the
vicinity, being mistaken for Japanese, were fired
upon from the rear defences at Port Arthur, and
some hundreds killed. With such evidence that
the Japanese have no intention of the defence,
how can we doubt that the fall of China's
present and declared is only a question of a
few days?We note the arrival here to-day of Consul
General N. J. Hannen, by the *Robilla* from
Shanghai, who is en route to England on leave
of absence.At the Police Court this morning Mr. Hastings
imposed a fine of \$500 on Chan Pook, shop-
keeper, for having his shop open on the 1st
of the month. The shopkeeper was paid in.ACCORDING to latest news from Newchwang the
authorities there recently beheaded fourteen
soldiers deserters from the army, who had been
guilty of pillaging the country people in the
neighbourhood of Newchwang.The Police have at last commenced a crusade
against the incorrigible rogues and vagabonds
with which the Colony has of late been deluged.
Some of the dangerous *chevaliers d'industrie*
have performed the "Vanishing Act" with con-
summate skill, while others have been "roped in"
and are working for their living in Victoria
Gaol.NICKEL, aluminium is the latest metal. Its
colour resembles silver, and it is far more ductile
than steel. A bar 18 inches long and 1 1/2 inches
thick had a permanent set of 1 1/2 inches. It took 400 pounds to deflect the
metal that much. A similar piece of steel of
66,000 tensile strength took exactly the same
load.THERE has been great joy and rejoicing and
amount of jubilation among our Chinese fellow-
residents lately owing to the news of important
Chinese victories in Manchuria, and the repulse
of the Japanese Fleet at Port Arthur, details of
which appeared in the *Hongkong Telegraph* on
Saturday and Monday last. In some of the
eloquent orations delivered at some festive
gatherings the absolute accuracy of the *Tele-
graph's* reports, criticisms and predictions was
understandingly commented upon at considerable
length at the expense of the *Post* and the *Mail*
and the *London Times* and its special war (?)
correspondent in particular. The old story—
truth and practical knowledge are mighty and
will prevail!This is the powerful little fleet that Admiral
Fremantle has ordered to rendezvous at the mouth
of the Yangtze before the end of the present
month, to protect British interests wherever
they may be imperilled:—

Battle-ship	Cruiser	Guns	Tons	I.H.P.
<i>Centurion</i>		14	10,500	9,000
1st-cl. cruiser <i>Cresset</i>		13	7,700	10,000
" <i>Edgar</i>		12	7,450	10,000
2nd-cl. <i>Undaunted</i>		12	5,600	5,500
" <i>Zeus</i>		8	3,600	7,000
" <i>Leander</i>		10	4,300	5,000
" <i>Mercury</i>		13	3,750	6,000
" <i>Seymour</i>		12	4,050	4,000
3rd-cl. <i>Spargan</i>		8	3,000	7,000
" <i>Caroline</i>		14	1,420	950

THOSE who take an interest in matters nautical,
and their names is legion, will be interested to
learn that the "unknown" on which the steam-
ship *Riverdale* touched some months ago in
Hainan Straits while en voyage from Hongkong
to Hongkong has not only been found but, as will
have been seen by a *Notice to Mariners* recently
published in this journal, correctly placed
by the Commander of the Chinese revenue
cruiser *Marked*, and will, we understand, shortly
be marked either by a substantial beacon or a
buoy. This must be highly satisfactory news
for the unpleasant and somewhat costly
discovery referred to was discredited in some
quarters until the official report of Captain
Myhre of the *Litke* was made public about a
fortnight ago.THE case arising out of the death of Clara,
whose collaborations with "Colonel Hicks" that
the *Amateur Circus* will be recalled with a smile,
did not occupy H.B.M.'s Civil Summary Court
yesterday morning, says the *N. C. Daily
News* of the 16th inst. Clara Kung, a day-maid
on the Sling Army Corps, claimed \$20 from "Colonel
Hicks" on account of the little animal's death.
He said that the defendant promised to pay for
the animal in the event of its death, and alleged

